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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This dwelling stands on the southwest corner of Goldsborough Street and Thoroughgood Lane, facing north. It is a frame building two-and-a-half stories in height: Three bays with a gable roof, its gabbe end, finished with cornice and return, is turned to Goldsborough Street.

The openings are evenly spaced on the front facade. Windows have six over six sashes secured with narrow, beaded frames. In the gable is a small window, also with six over six sash and louvered shutters. Louvered shutters are fixed at each. The main entrance is found in the west bay. This being a side hall plan type house, the entrance leads to a stair hall; the building is one room wide and two deep.

The main entrance has a three-pane transom light and side lights. At each side of door opening is a pilaster supporting an wooden consoletype bracket. The door has four panels, the upper tier being round-headed. They are edged with deep bolection moldings. Sheltering the entrance is an A-roof hood supported by ornamental brackets. This replaces an earlier porch that extended across the front of the building. Flanking the entrance door are two wooden benches with simple clover-leaf pierced work decoration.

The structure is three bays deep; various additions have been built to the rear. Originally a gable-roofed wing was constructed to the rear and slightly to the east side of the main house.

The house is covered with German ship lap siding, painted dark grey. The trim, including benches, corner boards, and cornice with its bold cyma recta molding, is white. The front door is red.

Inside, the window and door openings display frames with broad flat moldings. Hardwood coversearlier pine flooring. In the living room is a mantle of marbelized slate designed with a round opening in the so-called Greek manner. The stair has turned balusters, a heavy round newel and foliated step brackets.

After the middle of the nineteenth century, catelogues selling architectural elements were commonly used to order stair details, mantles, doors and other items. This building has several items which were probably ordered from such establishments as the Keystone Slate Mantel and Slate Works, 1210 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which specialized in marbelized slate mantles, and the George O. Stevens Company of 49 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland, which sold newels, balusters and handrails. The front door with transom and side lights may also have been ordered from the Stevens Company which handled ensembles similiar to this one.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building represents a type of house common in Easton. Its three bay width and side entrance provided a comfortable, easily constructed dwelling. Stylistically, the building shows Greek revival influence in its proportions and detailing. Its form, gable end to the street, is also one frequently found in buildings of this period. The alterations to this building have not obscured its form: a main block at the front and a secondary block set to the rear and to one side. Another example of this form, although with defferent detailing, is #105 Goldsborough. The Skip Gordon House, #410 Goldsborough (T-423), in brick, and the original block of the Stevenson House, #492)Goldsborough Street (T-453) are also buildings of this type, although their rear wings take on ell-form.

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Will Rec. L30/F474 (1959) L386/F457 Will Rec. L16/F154 In 1919, Dr. William T. Hammond and his wife Edna bought this house on Goldsberough Street at the south west corner of Thoroughgood Lane. The property extends back to August Street on the southern boundary. Dr. Hammond was a beloved doctor and surgeon and was influential in the organization and progress of the Memorial Hospital in Easton, one of the finest now on the Eastern Shore. He was also a Yachtsman of distinction and a past-Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club. There is a perpetual trophy in his memory that is raced for at the annual regatta. At his death, the property went to his son and daughter and is now solely in the ownership of his son William T. Hammond Jr. and his wife Alberta.

Walter H. Thompson was living here in 1850 and by his last will and testament, devised his estate to his three daughters, Rebecca Kersey, Isabella Bell, and Sallie T. Shepard. They sold the home to Joseph B. Harrington in 1905 for \$3250.00 and he in turn sold it to Dr. Hammond.

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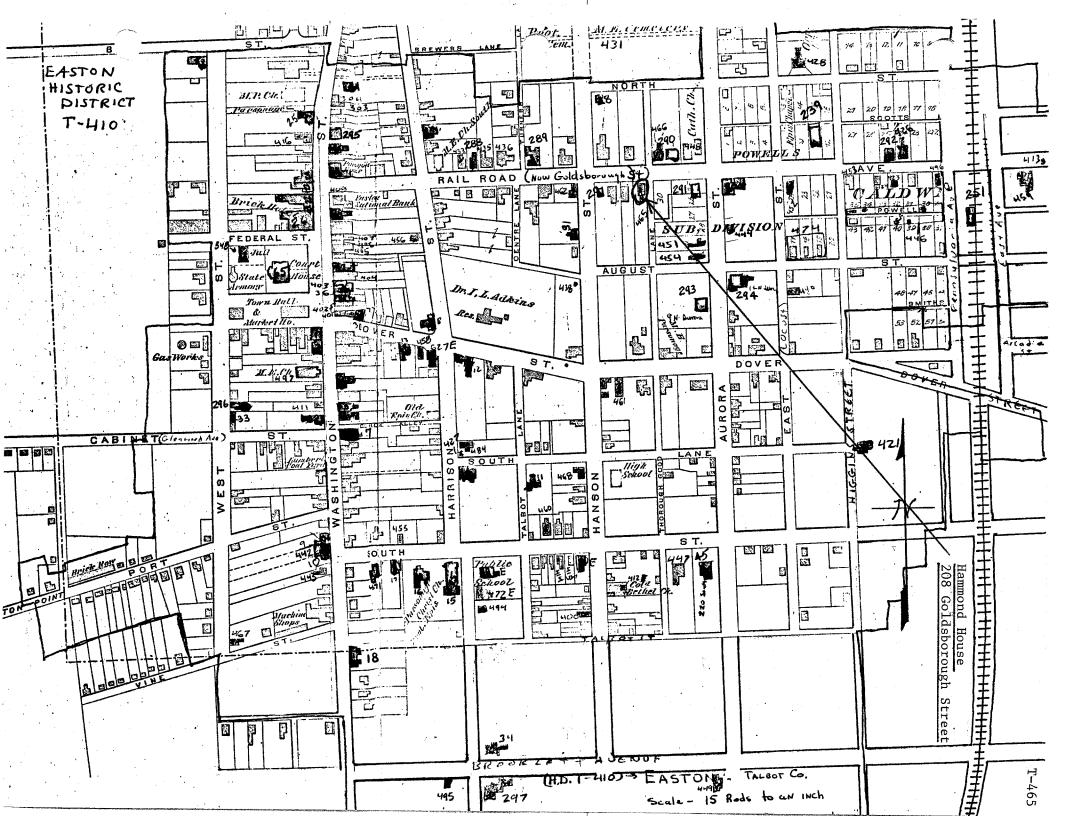
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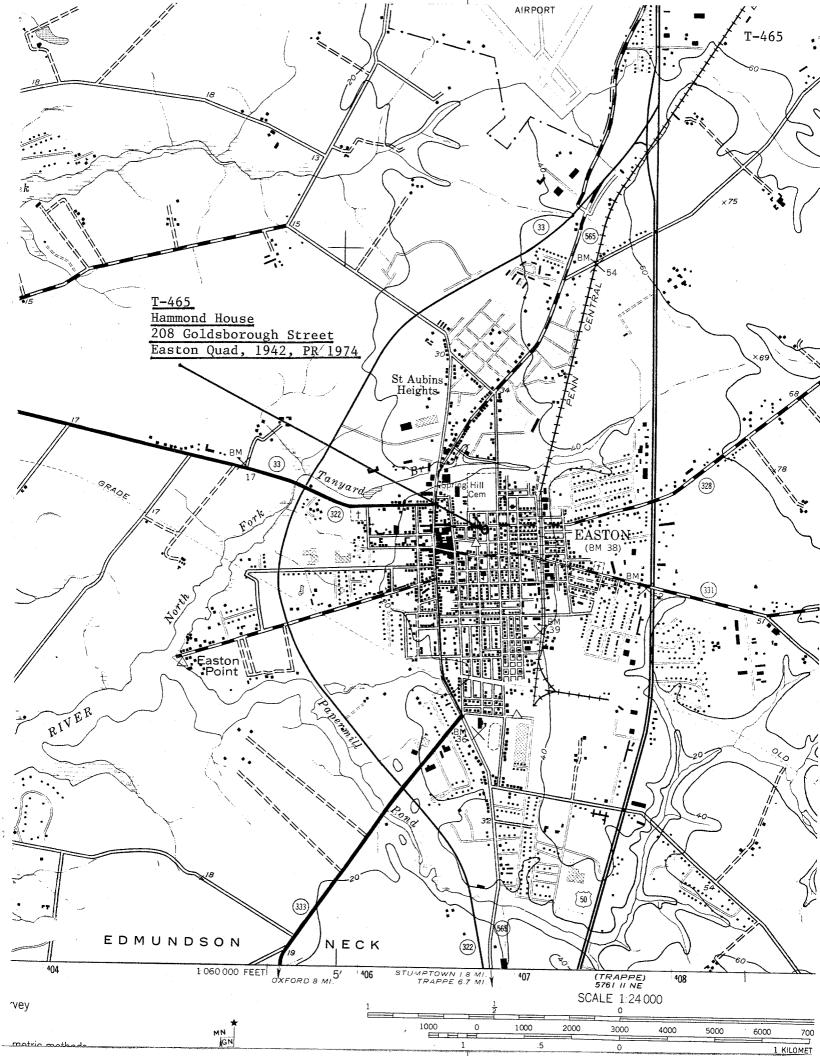
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